GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS TO MILITANTS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether part of funds released by Central Government to the North-East also reaches in the hands of militants;

(b) if so, the assessment of the Government regarding this amount;

(c) whether the Government has identified the changes through which this amount goes in the hands of militants;

(d) if so, the elements involved therein; and

(e) the number of such elements arrested so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): There are reports that a part of the development funds are siphoned off by militants in certain areas in the North East. No assessment about the extent of funds siphoned off has been made.

(c) The modus operandi adopted by militants is through kidnappings, extortions and by forcing the Government agencies to award contracts to their sponsored contractors.

(d) As per reports, some of the underground outfits active in these states are involved in such activities.

(e) North Eastern States have been advised to take penal action in such cases, and see that the funds are used for the purpose for which they are given.